

Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Member Discussion
January 21, 2010

Gary Auffart	Union Township Fire and Ems Department	Fire Official/HazMat
Karen Blades	CC EMA	Emergency Management
Carla Goodspeed	Clermont County Senior Services	Transportation
Ed Humphrey	Board of County Commissioners/Co-Chair	Elected Officials
Ralph Hyre	Citizen	Community Groups
Gene Langschwager	CC EMA	Radiological Officer
Beth Nevel	CC EMA/Co-Chair	Emergency Management
Rob Perry	Clermont County Health District	Health
Tom Peterson	ARC	First Aid/ARC
Guests In Attendance		
Keven Clouse	OEMA	guest
Rick Ginn	Wright Brothers	guest
Hanna Lubbers	CC OEQ representative	guest
Kevin Riley	Central Joint Fire & EMS Department	guest

Call to Order/Introduction/Pledge of Allegiance

Beth Nevel called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

Ed Humphrey made a motion to approve the September 17, 2009 meeting minutes. Rob Perry took a minute to explain his comments included in the September's Minutes. He believes the chemical component of an exercise shouldn't be lost in the broader exercise curriculum. The motion was seconded by Gene Langschwager and the motion was passed.

Ongoing Business

Membership Applications

Applications have been submitted to SERT on August 14, 2009.

Spill Reports

There were a total of 4 spilled reported since our last meeting, 3 in the last quarter of 2009 and one in January. Gary Auffart provided an update on the tanker spill at St Rt 32 and Elick Lane. He reported it was completely remediated as of January 19, 2010. This spill caused exemplifies several issues. Clean Harbors cleaned up the areas and to date but there are 10 -15 drums of soil needing collecting. The dispatchers were delayed in notification and there were issues on payment. The insurance company involved was questioning paying for the cleanup. Gary commends Dale Farmer and Paul Braasch as doing a good job of protecting the environment and following up on this spill.

Committee members reviewed the cause of the majority of spills in the County which are fuel oil spills. Oil tanks failures and over fills are the major causes of reported spills. The spill on Sugartree, a complicated and involved spill, spurred this discussion. Approximately 150 gallons fuel oil leaked from an unoccupied house, it was noticed by a homeowner on Sugartree when he smelt oil. The spill had traveled 150 yards from the original site and the basement of the house was flooded with several inches of oil.

There was a discussion on how the LEPC could help mitigate this problem. Oil tank composition was discussed; however the cost of a non steel tank is prohibitive to most citizens. It was noted, private installation is not regulated and therefore there is an undetermined number of oil tanks which might be future hazard. This has led to homeowners without knowledge of tanks on their property. The LEPC would like to meet with local fuel oil vendors and discuss oil tank education. A sub-committee of Beth Nevel, Ralph Hyre, Rob Perry and Tom Peterson will report back to the committee at the next quarterly meeting.

Tier II Report

Eighty-two (82) reports were submitted for 2009 reporting period. There were 27 EHS facilities reported in 2009. The majority of the EHS reported is sulfuric acid used in batteries. The 2010 Tier II filings should be coming in to LEPC, and as of this meeting, none have been received. This could be because of staffing changes in the facilities.

Committee Reports

A brief budget overview was discussed. It was explained grant processing is late from the state. The state announced HMEP FY 2010 Grant awards the week of January 17th. Clermont LEPC will receive \$37,712.00; this is an increase from the HMEP FY 2009 Grant.

The contract between the GCHMU and Clermont County needs updated to reflect a change of rates made several years ago. Services will remain in place until the new contract is adopted.

Training

The \$1500.00 was not used/reimbursed in the HMEP 20 09 FY Grant. The committee needs to identify training opportunities. HMEP 2010 FY Grant has \$3,500.00 dedicated for equipment training. There are OSHA standards which must be met for this training.

Tom Peterson asked if we could use the unrestricted monies to fund a pilot program for replacing oil tanks. It was suggested environmental and PUCO grants may be available to help supplement costs.

New Business

Gary Auffart asked that a copy of the GCHMU contract be sent to the committee members.

Ralph Hyre asked that the minutes of the meetings be posted on line.

Old Business

FY 2009 Full Scale Exercise review; a letter has been forwarded to SERC recommending concurrence.

The LEPC Plan will be reviewed at the next SERC meeting.

Exercise

There will be a state wide exercise on March 18, 2010 in which we will participate. The Army Corps of Engineers are also exercising at the same time. Their focus is on generating emergency power. The exercise is driven by a weather event. There are sixteen (16) counties that will participate with the State as their LEPC Function exercise.

Our planning of the exercise will begin with a “Go Live” phone conference Weather Briefing with NWS/OEMA.

Our Planning Committee will consist of Beth Nevel, Tom Peterson, Rob Perry, Kevin Clouse and Karen Blades. This committee will meet before February 2, 2010, when we develop our own scenario. The LEPC needs to identify objectives (no less than 4 or more than 7) we want to test.

The objectives recommended for selection are: 1. Incident Notifications; 2. Incident Assessment; 4. EOC; 5. Resource Management; 6. Communications; 8. Population Protection; and 9. Emergency Public Information. The LEPC agrees to the objectives suggested. Keven Clouse will act as the facilitator and Beth Nevel will be the EOC controller. We need evaluators for the seven objectives, controller for the sim cell, and a sim cell team.

This functional exercise is the first in the new four year cycle. Exercise Notice has been sent to OEMA. Because of the date, the quarterly meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday March 23, 2010 to accommodate the exercise and complete the exercise Hot Wash for Clermont County.

Tom Peterson suggested there is a FEMA sponsored eight state exercise in May of 2011 we might like to participate in. This is a table top/functional exercise with a New Madrid fault earthquake scenario. Ohio isn't one of the states participating, but we feel Clermont County would be significantly impacted if an earthquake should occur and therefore a good opportunity to exercise our plan.

Meeting Schedule for 2010

At the September 17, 2009 meeting the following meeting schedule was adopted as follows: The LEPC will meet in a special meeting on January 21, 2010, and thereafter will meet on March 23, 2010, June 17, 2010, and September 16, 2010.

Kevin Riley requested the LEPC meet the first Thursday of the month as this resolves conflicts with other meetings the fire departments attend.

A motion was made to revise the meeting schedule was made by Ed Humphrey and seconded by Gene Langschwager to change the meeting dates. The LEPC will meet on the following dates for the remainder of the year; March 23rd, June 3rd and September 2nd.

The motion was passed.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is March 23, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 A.M. This meeting will be held in the Engineers Conference Room, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia 45103. The location for the remainder of 2010 meetings is to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Perry and seconded by Tom Peterson. It was voted and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.